

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

**ABSTRACT**

An R-T-B system rare earth permanent magnet, which comprises ~~at least~~ main phase grains consisting ~~essentially~~ of  $R_2T_{14}B$  compounds and a grain boundary phase having a higher amount of R than the above described main phase grains, and which satisfies ~~the following formulas:~~  $AVE(X)/Y = 0.8$  to  $1.0$ ; and  $(X/Y)_{max}/(X/Y)_{min} = 2.0$  to  $13.0$ , wherein X represents ~~(the weight ratio of heavy rare earth elements)/(the weight ratio of all the rare earth elements)~~ for a given number of the above described main phase grains ~~in the above described sintered body~~; Y represents ~~(the weight ratio of heavy rare earth elements)/(the weight ratio of all the rare earth elements)~~ for the sintered body as a whole; AVE(X) represents the mean value of X obtained for the given number of ~~the~~ main phase grains;  $(X/Y)_{min}$  represents the minimum value of  $(X/Y)$  obtained for the given number of ~~the~~ main phase grains; and  $(X/Y)_{max}$  represents the maximum value of  $(X/Y)$  obtained for the given number of ~~the~~ main phase grains.